

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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An image forming apparatus is equipped with a process cartridge detachable therefrom, where the process cartridge includes an element relating to image formation. A drive time of the process cartridge driven in the image forming apparatus is counted and it is judged whether an accumulation of the drive time counted reaches a predetermined value. When it is judged that the accumulation of the drive time reaches a predetermined value, an image forming condition of the image forming apparatus is changed over at a timing when the image forming apparatus does not conduct image formation.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please add new Claims 8 to 13 as follows.

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8. (New) An image forming apparatus equipped with a process cartridge detachable therefrom, the process cartridge including an element relating to image formation, said image forming apparatus comprising:
image forming means for driving the process cartridge to form an image;
counting means for counting a drive time of the process cartridge driven by said image forming means; and